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American war prisoners repatriated by the Chinese Communists proudly display the three-foot crucifix carved during the Red imprisonment by their fellow-prisoner, Marine Captain Jerry Fink. Officers holding crucifix are (left to right): Capt. Joseph O'Connor, Marine Warrant Officer Felix McCool, and Lt. Ralph Nardella.

### Faith Behind Barbed Wire

## Non-Catholic Marine Punished By Reds For Shaping Crucifix To Help POWs

By FATHER PATRICK O'CONNOR

Seoul, Korea — (NC) — "I got a couple of days in the pokey for taking a piece of drain pipe," said Major Gerald Fink, Marine fighter pilot from Chicago. He was homeward bound after 25 months as a captive of Communists in North Korea.

He had taken the drain pipe to make a chisel. He used the chisel to make a four foot high crucifix. He made the crucifix to help men to pray in prison camp. It helped them also to remember a priest follower of Christ crucified, Father Emil Kapaun. The priest, an Army chaplain from Wichita, Kansas, diocese had given a heroic example of self-sacrifice in prison camp and had died there. The crucifix was a memorial to him. It is now on the way to America, where the former prisoners of Camp 2 hope to place it in the church of Father Kapaun's boyhood.

MAJOR FINK never met Father Kapaun. But he came under his influence. He was flying a Corsair in combat when his plane was hit and he had to bail out over enemy territory. "I was injured," he said, "and I got the full treatment from the North Korean Communists. So

for the corpus. Nardella made the cross out of cherry wood. I still have the tools. We took the rods (metal arch supporters) from old boots, hammered them down and filed them with stones. I took the piece of drainpipe of the roof to make the chisel."

HE WORKED for 2 1/2 months carving the corpus. The Chinese harassed him, meanwhile. His fellow-prisoners took keen interest in the work. "When the crucifix was finished, the Communists would not go near it," the sculptor-pilot said. "They'd look at it from a distance. If they'd laid a hand on it, they would have blown up, they were so attached to it. The crown of thorns around the head of Christ on the wood carved crucifix is strikingly appropriate."

"For the thorns, we found some radio wire," said Gerry Fink. "I wrapped it around the head and made it look like barbed wire. Ralph Nardella and I called it 'Christ in Barbed Wire.'"

Indian Bishop Bangalore, India (RNS) — The Standing Committee of the Roman Catholic Bishops Conference of India, meeting here, sent a cable to the Polish government

### Priest Proposes Cana Program For High Schoolers

New York — (RNS) — An expansion of the Catholic Cana movement to include a program of help for high school students facing problems of "dating and courting" was urged by the Rev. Leo Devine of West Hartford, Conn., at the third annual Eastern Cana Institute here.

Father Devine, professor of apologetics at St. Joseph College for Women, West Hartford, Conn., said the importance of work among high school students lay in the fact that "by the time a boy or girl becomes a high school senior his attitude toward sex and the opposite sex has been formed." He emphasized that so effective help could be given the young people in their problems were "realistically approached."

"We must take them as they are," he said. "That boys like girls and girls like boys creates a problem. But what a problem we'd have if boys didn't like girls and girls didn't like boys! We must accept that they will date. We must remember that each must work out individual salvation as a man and as a woman."

Father Devine, who is a leader of the Cana movement in his area, said conferences were held there for students in Catholic high schools, presenting the single life, married life and religious life as equally important "vocations." He said one of the most important results of the conferences was the realization by young people that their individual problems in adjusting to physical maturity were not unique but a common experience.

### Catholic Order Buys Estate

Philadelphia — (RNS) — A 138-acre estate at Radnor, on Philadelphia's Main Line, has been purchased by the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart to convert into an orphanage.

It was the residence of Dr. John T. Dorrance, founder president of the Campbell Soup Co., who died in 1930. His widow died last March in Palm Beach.

## Priests, Workers Must 'Stick Together,' Says Archbishop Cushing

Boston — (NC) — "We are friends not only because of what we have in common, but we must keep close together, we workers and priests, because we have the same enemies," Archbishop Richard J. Cushing, of Boston told a large labor rally here.

The meeting, a testimonial to the Archbishop, was termed the most elaborate effort by organized labor to honor an American churchman for his help on behalf of the workingman. It was a joint project of the A.F. of L., the C.I.O., and independent unions.

A TORCHLIGHT parade preceded the event. At the testimonial, workers, in the garb of their trades, paraded in tribute to the Archbishop who in the words of the sponsoring committee, "has endeared himself to the workingman through his championing of the cause of labor."

Expanding his theme of why "priest and workers must stick together," the Archbishop explained: "The regimes which hamstring organized labor are usually equally eager to paralyze organized religion. The reason is simple. Organized malice can never breathe easily in a world which includes organized efforts to promote brotherhood, constructive understanding or co-operative action based on a sense of personal dignity and group responsibility to man or God."

CALLING THE Russian forced labor camps the "most cruel institutions of our inhuman world and the greatest single threat to the interests of organized labor on the face of the earth," Archbishop Cushing continued: "The Soviet experiment has turned into a campaign against organized labor, a campaign in which 'wage slavery' has been replaced with a system of forced labor which is more degrading than any system of slavery the world has heretofore been shamed to know."

"When you consider," he continued, "how the forced labor system degrades every worker, not only the slaves themselves; when you consider how the forced labor system makes work a badge of shame rather than an avenue of opportunity; when you reflect how forced labor destroys the society in which, like a cancer, it takes root and spreads; when you realize how forced labor is used as a weapon

### IN TORCHLIGHT LABOR PARADE



Boston—Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston acknowledges greetings from onlookers as he marches in a torchlight parade to Boston Garden where he was guest of honor at a United Labor reception. Marching with him were leaders of the C.I.O., the A.F.-L., and independent unions, all sponsors of the month reception. Proceeds from the elaborate testimonial and entertainment program at the Garden were donated to the Nazareth Home for Children, an institution of the Archdiocese. (RNS Photo)

### Indulgence Granted For Visiting Blessed Virgin's Home In Turkey

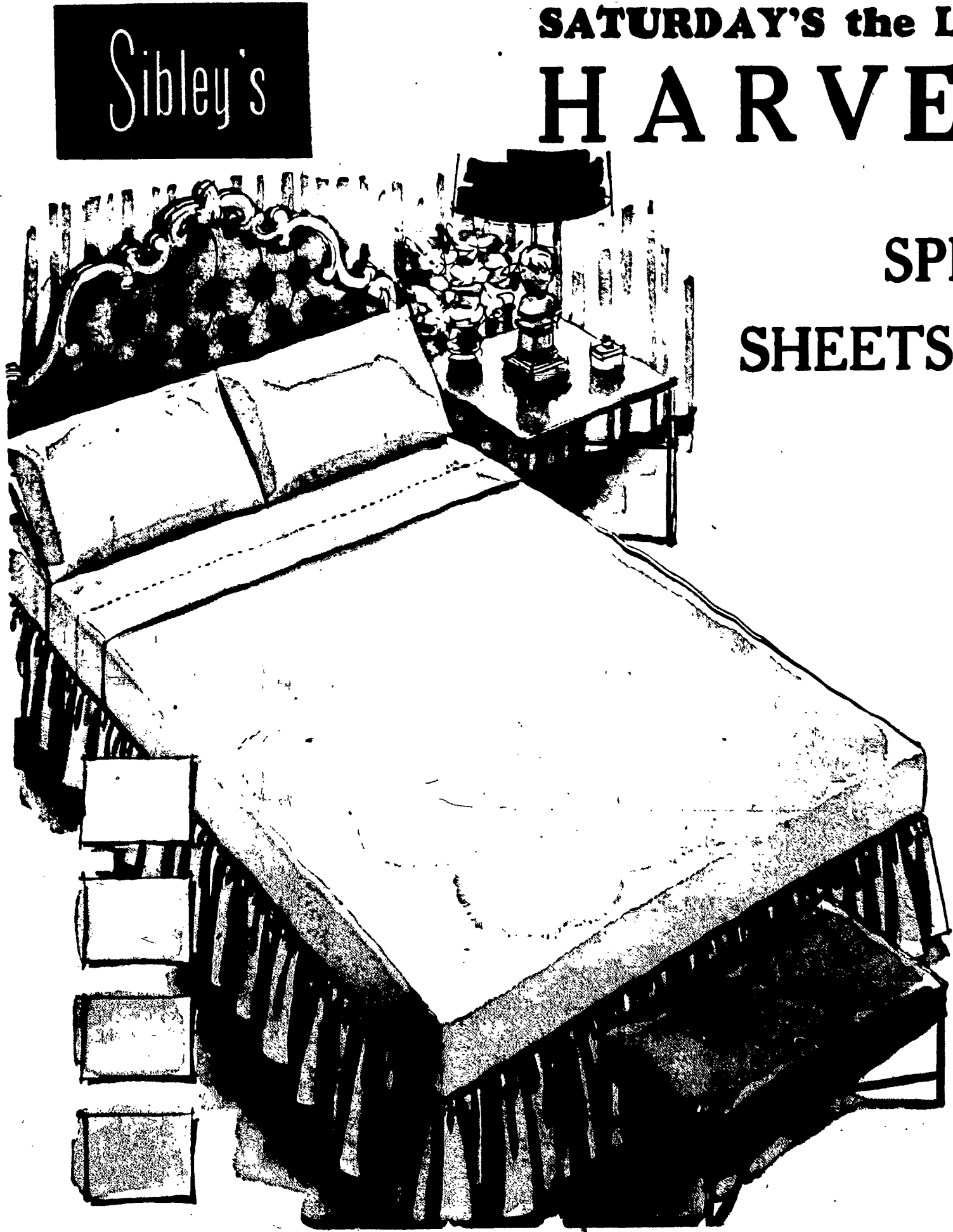
Ephesus, Turkey — (NC) — The Holy See has for a period of seven years granted a plenary indulgence to all those who visit the House of the Holy Virgin here on certain days and pray for the Pope's intentions.

The House of the Holy Virgin, known in Turkish as Panaya Kapulu, is an ancient church marking the site believed to have been the home of the Blessed Virgin. One ancient tradition holds that it was from this site that Mary was assumed into heaven after her death.

The indulgence was granted by the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church and announced in Turkey by Archbishop Joseph Desanti of Beirut, who is also Apostolic Administrator of the Vicariate Apostolic of Asia Minor.

The days on which the plenary indulgence can be gained are Sundays, holy days of obligation, feast days of the Blessed Virgin and every day during May. Gaining of the indulgence requires the reception of the Sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist.

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